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SUBJECT: SOVIET NATIONAL EXHIBIT: CUSTOMS TREATMENT AND
VISAS

1. ACCORDING TO MANAGER OF L.A. CONVENTION CENTER, PRIME
CONTRACTOR FOR SOVIET 60TH ANNIVERSARY EXHIBIT, SOVIET
ORGANIZERS HAVE STATED THAT THEY PLAN TO BRING IN 600
METRIC TONS AND TO RE-EXPORT 550 METRIC TONS. PART OF THE
DIFFERENCE WOULD PRESUMABLY BE IN EXPENDABLE ITEMS, BUT
SOVIETS HAVE HINTED AT POSSIBLE SALE OF MAJOR ITEMS.
IN CONVERSATIONS WITH POTENTIAL SUB-CONTRACTORS REGARDING
CUSTOMS CLEARANCE AND HANDLING, SOVIETS HAVE FUZZED TYPE
OF CLEARANCE THEY WILL REQUEST.

2. TO AVOID MISUNDERSTANDINGS AND TO ESTABLISH PROCEDURES
WITH U.S. CUSTOMS, WE WOULD APPRECIATE FROM SOVIET CHAMBER
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OF COMMERCE A ROUGH DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSED SHIPMENTS AND
PLANNED DISPOSITION OF ANY AND ALL ITEMS NOT EXPECTED TO
BE RE-EXPORTED.

3. FYI - INITIAL PLAN IS TO ESTABLISH PROCEDURE MOST NEARLY
PARALLEL TO PRACTICE USED FOR BICENTENNIAL EXHIBIT. THIS
WOULD MEAN DIPLOMATIC ENTRY OF EXHIBIT ITSELF, CONSIGNMENT

OF LIQUOR TO SOVIET CONSUL GENERAL IN SAN FRANCISCO, AND
DUTIABLE ENTRY FOR ANY GOODS TO BE SOLD. WE WILL BE

DISCUSSING MATTER WITH U.S. CONTRACTOR APRIL 12 AND
WOULD WELCOME ANY EMBASSY COMMENT. END FYI.

4. ALSO IN CONNECTION WITH EXHIBIT, SOVIETS HAVE ASKED
THAT DIRECTOR AND TWO DEPUTIES BE ACCORDED DIPLOMATIC
VISAS. (REF--MEMCON OF FEB 17, POUCHED TO EMBASSY
EARLIER.) WE ARE INCLINED TO ACCEDE, BASED ON
ARGUMENT THAT THERE IS NO OFFICIAL REPRESENTATION OF
USSR IN LOS ANGELES, BUT WOULD WELCOME EMBASSY VIEWS.

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